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October 13th, 1913

Sir Edmund Osler,

21 Jordan Street,

Toronto.

Dear Sir Edmund Osler:

The Committee of the Board of Governors regarding the working of the regulations of the Superintendent's Office will meet in the President's Room, University Main Building, on Wednesday morning (Oct. 15) at half past nine. The Superintendent has been asked to be present at the meeting.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

December 9th, 1913

Sir Edmund Osler,

Toronto.

Dear Sir Edmund:

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have just sent to the Hon. Mr. Coderre. It seems to me that our case is pretty strong. Would you be good enough to support us some time at Ottawa ? It may be that I shall have to be in Ottawa on the 16th. If so, I shall go to see the Minister. Should I not go then, I should be willing to go at some future time, and if I could make my visit at a time when you are in Ottawa, I am sure that your support at that time would be of great value.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 22nd, 1913

Sir Edmund Osler,

21 Jordan Street,

Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

There is no special reason for haste with regard to the matter about which I wrote to you, provided you are able to see the Minister before the middle of January. They will probably soon come to a decision as to their policy, and if they are to do anything for us this year it will be necessary to have it in the estimates. Before you go to Ottawa, I should like to talk the situation over with you, and I shall be glad to make any arrangement to suit.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 23rd, 1914

Sir Edmund Osler, M.P.,

21 Jordan Street,

Toronto.

Dear Sir Edmund:

I have another long memorandum forwarded by Hon. Louis Coderre from Dr. Haanel, Director of Mines, with regard to the establishment of a laboratory for Ceramics. Dr. Haanel is quite opposed to establishing any temporary laboratory in Toronto.

Undoubtedly the proposal that I first made to the Government was quite different from that which I have recently made, the reason being that I was not fully informed as to the kind of work that was being done in the other universities and the precedent created, nor had our own situation developed as clearly as it has of late. What we ask now is that a temporary laboratory for the investigation of clays , which will serve this district of the Dominion, should be established in the University of Toronto. The precedent has been created by the establishment at McGill and Queen's of similar work. The fact that that work has been completed and transferred to Ottawa is no argument against beginning similar work here for a different kind of industry.

Dr. Haanel maintains that they are ready in Ottawa to do the kind of work and therefore there is no need of doing it here. In this he differs from the Deputy Minister of Mines, Mr. Brock, who believes that a temporary laboratory to do that kind of work for this district under Mr.

Keele might very well be continued for a while in the University of Toronto.

In short, Dr. Haanel has one view, which is opposed to helping us out in any way: Mr. Brock has the other view , which is that the continuance and extension of temporary work under Mr. Keele would be an advantage to the Dominion, and would not create any bad precedent.

We do not ask the Government to give us as a University an annual grant of money, but we do ask them to do work here that ought to be done somewhere for a few years. Our students would be allowed to inspect their laboratories: we would develope the teaching side, and in a few years we would in all probability establish complete laboratories of our own at a time when it was convenient for the Dominion Government to withdraw and for us to develope further. Would you make it convenient to see Mr. Coderre and Mr. Brock about the matter when you are in Ottawa ?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 12th, 1914

Sir Edmund Osler,

Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

Many thanks for your letter enclosing one from Mr. A. H. Kemp. I am glad to know that Mr. Coderre has expressed himself favourably on the subject, and I am grateful to you for letting me have Mr. Kemp's opinion, because I had begun to be afraid that the opposition of Dr. Haanel might overtear other influences. I rather think that the Deputy Minister would be agreeable to the establishment of such a laboratory, but he may be in a difficult position, and a favourable opinion from Mr. Coderre would undoubtedly go a long way. McGill seems to be able to get what it wants. The Government is now establishing the Wood Products Laboratory there, and the head of it has offered a position to one of our Professors of Botany in connection with it. Of course all this will strengthen McGill, and why they should be afraid of putting up a temporary laboratory in the University of Toronto which is such an excellent centre for the ceramic industry I cannot see.

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 1st, 1914

Sir Edmund Osler,

Toronto.

My dear Sir Edmund:

Dr. Fitzgerald asked me to-day whether he could go ahead with certain changes in the University laboratory which are necessary if he is to prepare his serum himself instead of importing some from New York. Mr. Campbell, the Superintendent, is ready to go on with the work, and Dr. Fitzgerald would like to have it done at once. I told him that you spoke to me yesterday afternoon about it, and that you mentioned that you were willing to stand behind him in making further expenditures. The total expenditure in this case would be about $500. I have told Mr. Campbell and Dr. Fitzgerald that I thought they ought to go ahead after what I heard from you, and that I would take the matter before the Board next week. I assume that you will think that I have been justified in taking such action.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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21 JORDAN STREET,
TORONTO, CANADA
April 3, 1914

PRESIDENT FALCONER,
University of Toronto,
TORONTO.

Dear President Falconer:

I have been in Ottawa for a few days and on my return I find your letter of the 1st.

I understand that the University would like to take control of Dr. Fitzgerald's work and will eventually provide the funds; Meantime, pending such arrangements, I would be quite willing to back Prof. Fitzgerald for whatever reasonable amount might be necessary. For the expenditure in the meantime - $500.00 - I will send a cheque to Prof. Fitzgerald whenever he wants it.

Yours very truly,

Flavelle

April 4th, 1914

Sir Edmund Osler,

Toronto.

Dear Sir Edmund:

Many thanks for your letter stating that you will give a credit of $500 in the meantime in order to enable Professor Fitzgerald to continue his work in producing serum in the laboratory. I will arrange this with the Governors on Thursday.

Yours sincerely,

President.